School Business - July 24, 2020

The FBS website continues to be updated with COVID-19 policies and information related to School Business and operations, as well as our ongoing operations. Please check this site regularly for updates: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services.

Recent post: Schedule of COVID Funds as of July 22, 2020

Educator Experience Credit – Bump

The Licensure process to add experience credit was completed on Sunday, July 12, 2020. A preliminary no bump list was posted in LicSal on Monday, July 20, 2020. Please review the list and if you have any questions please forward them to salary@dpi.nc.gov.

Reminder: State Health Plan Premium Rates

The General Assembly approved a hospitalization rate of \$6,326, however the State Health Plan will NOT adjust their rates until January 1, 2021. The new employer health rates are effective January 2021.

However, since December premiums are for January coverage, LEAs should change the employer rate in December for payment in January 2021. The benefit amount provided by the State Health Plan is \$521.96.

Hospital Match by Month to Align with Legislated Amount of \$6,326.00

<u>Month</u>	Hospital Match Amount
July	(532.36* 2) See Note
Aug	532.36
Sept	532.36
Oct	532.36
Nov	532.36
Dec	521.96 - New Amount
Jan	521.96
Feb	521.96
Mar	521.96
Apr	521.96
May	521.96

June See Note below

Total \$6,326.00

Note: At the beginning of the fiscal year, there are two hospitalization deductions (for July and August). At the end of the fiscal year, there is no deduction in June. All amounts are per the State Health Plan.

Should you have further questions about the employer contribution for hospitalization, please contact Gwendolyn Tucker at gwendolyn.Tucker@dpi.nc.gov or (984) 236-2458.

Virtual Status of All Schools in EDDIE

Do not update your schools' virtual status in EDDIE. DPI will be able to track the temporary virtual statuses for 2020-21 with codes in PowerSchool. New attendance codes are being added to reflect "present onsite" and "present remote".

The virtual status in EDDIE is to be as the school was intended to be as it was originally approved.

If you have any EDDIE questions, contact <u>Nicola.Lefler@dpi.nc.gov</u>. EDDIE information: <u>https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/demographics-and-finances/eddie.</u>

Schedule of Fees – Updated Per SB 681

The schedule of student and staff fees, charges, and solicitations was previously required to be sent to DPI and was collected by the School Business Division. LEAs and schools are no longer required to submit this to DPI and instead must publish their fees on their websites by October 15th and keep it updated.

SECTION 2.1.(a) G.S. 115C-47(6) Local boards of education shall adopt rules and regulations governing solicitations of, sales to, and fund-raising activities conducted by, the students and faculty members in schools under their jurisdiction, and no fees, charges, or costs shall be collected from students and school personnel without approval of the board of education as recorded in the minutes of said board; provided, this subdivision shall not apply to such textbooks fees as are determined and established by the State Board of Education. The local board of education shall publish a schedule of fees, charges, and solicitations approved by the local board on the local school administrative unit's Web site by **October 15 of each school year** and, if the schedule is subsequently revised, within 30 days following the revision.

SECTION 2.1.(b) This section applies beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

School Nutrition Transportation funds – All PSUs

All finance officers received a letter today from School Nutrition notifying you of the process to apply for transportation funds for summer nutrition.

If your PSU needs additional funds to continue to transport meals, regardless of whether the PSU made an initial projection for the funds, please complete the attached application and return it to Lynn Harvey at Lynn.Harvey@dpi.nc.gov by July 30. Please note funds may be

requested retroactively to cover transportation expenses effective July 1, 2020. Competed forms will be used to allocate additional transportation funds to PSUs that need them to support the continuation of emergency meals to children in response to the pandemic.

Consolidated Federal Application Review Protocol

Federal Programs has published a *Consolidated Federal Application Review Protocol,* a detailed document utilized by Regional Program Administrators (PAs) when reviewing the Consolidated Federal Funding Application submitted with the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP) system. We hope this resource will assist PSUs in understanding the processes and procedures our staff follow when reviewing your consolidated application for federal funding. If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact your Regional PA.

Exceptional Children (EC) Division News

- PRC 132 initial and additional max request.pdf
- PRC 132 Additional Funding Memo 7.22.20.pdf
- PRC 132 Initial Funding Memo 7.22.20.pdf

Reminders

- The due date for initial submissions for PRC 29, 132, 49, 60 and 70 has been extended by EC until **July 31st** for all LEAs.
 Details are in the July 17, 2020 newsletter. *
- Federal Programs: Submit carryover budgets for PRCs 105 and 115 (TSI and IPG Cohort I-A) no later than July 31, 2020.
 Details are in the July 17, 2020 newsletter. *
- * https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/school-district-finance-operations/procedures-and-quidance#newsletter

